

**VERSION SHOWING CHANGES**  
**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1. Related Application**

5            [This application claims priority to the United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/226,187, filed August 18, 2000, titled "METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR JOB-BASED ACCOUNTING."]

This application claims priority to both United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/226,187, filed 18 August, 2000, entitled, *Methods and Systems for Job Based Accounting* to Steven B. Smith et al. and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application  
10 No. 60/198,961 filed April 21, 2000, entitled *Method and System for Managing Spending Through Account Allocation* to Steven B. Smith et al., hereby incorporated by reference.

**2. Field of the Invention**

15            The present invention relates generally to computer-based resource management systems, and, more particularly, to the job-based management of a business' financial resources through the allocation of resources to various user-defined accounts in an automated environment.

20            **3. Background**

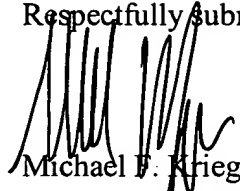
          Often individuals or businesses need and desire to achieve some measure of control over their financial affairs. Several software accounting programs have been developed to aid a business in managing its financial resources. Some of these programs include a budgeting system that allows a business to see where its money is invested or spent. Some of these

programs further provide the user with the ability to perform several types of financial transactions on-line, including the ability to pay bills and to receive updated information with respect to cleared transactions from financial institutions such as banks and credit card companies.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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